

Fort Quiatenon and Fort Harrison collection S1540

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Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
Creator	Macomb, Alexander
Creator	Smith, Wilson
Title	Fort Quiatenon and Fort Harrison collection
Date	1934-1936
Extent	0.01 Cubic feet 1 folder
Language	English
Text [Folder]	S1540

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Major John Thomas Chunn was born in Maryland on October 8, 1780. His family moved to Fauqueir County, Virginia, when he was young. In 1801, he moved to Ohio, and then to Clarksburg, Indiana, in 1804. He joined the army in 1811, and took part in the Harrison Campaign in Canada. When he returned to Indiana in 1815, he was assigned command of the Fifth Military Department with headquarters at Fort Harrison, where he stayed until 1818. From Indianapolis, he went to Fort Detroit. In 1820, he retired from the U.S. Army. The biography attached to "The Old Fort," in the collection, states that he married Matilda LeMarch, at Clinton, in 1821. Ancestry.com states that he married Ann M. Cook on November 30, 1825. He died on September 9, 1847, and is buried in Chunn Cemetery, Vigo County, Indiana.

Scope and Contents

Two typed documents are in this collection. A five-page manuscript is entitled "How I Found Quiatenon" by Wilson Smith. He tells of "historical personages" who recorded information about the location of the fort beginning in 1718, and how he located the site of the old fort.

The second paper is only two pages, and is entitled: "The Old Fort, A Copy of the Original Order Transferring the Troops from Fort Knox to Fort Harrison. A Short Sketch of the Life of Major Chunn, Commander of the Post in 1816." Alexander Macomb was the author of the order, dated May 10, 1816, which transferred troops from Fort Knox to Fort Harrison. On the second page of this paper, there is a short biography of John Thomas Chunn. His son Thomas and daughter, Mrs. John Wright, lived in Vermillion County at the time the "short sketch" was written.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged chronologically.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Custodial History

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Accruals

No further additions are expected.

Controlled Access Headings

Geographic Name(s)

- Fort Harrison (Ind.)--Manuscript
- Fort Knox (Ky.)
- Fort Quiatenon (Ind.)--Manuscript

Personal Name(s)

- Chunn, John Thomas